

Mr Geo. E. Davenport
Dear Sir

I am extremely
sorry I am unable to return
a favorable answer to your
favor of the 17 inst but
I do not suppose a person
could be more poorly located
for making a collection of
Ferns than I am here, in
the midst of the "Pine Barrens"
My collection comprises only
a few of the most common;
Polypodium virginicum, *Pteris*
aquilina, *Asplenium ctenum*,
Woodwardia - none in fact
that you desire - Many
that you name are native
only of S. Fla. & I know of
no one there to whom I could

refer you. - In any other
matter that I can ^{assist} ~~advise~~
you please command me

Yr. respy^{ts}
Esther

Jacksonville Fla
Feb 23rd 94

Readville, Mass.

31 Jan 88.

My dear Lili

I guess I shall
have to give up my glabella.
My friend Walter Deane
was not here one evening
he did not think any of
my specimens were that,
tho he said he wished
you could see some of them.
When I have time - just
now I am unusually busy
at my Roxbury office -
I hope to get my ferns
together a bit and it
would give me great
pleasure if I could show
them to you, or if you
could spend the afternoon
or evening out here, it

would be a rare treat for
me.

Since I saw you I have
been to Europe & back on
a very sad errand, my
father's illness and my
mother's death, so that I
have had hardly a moment
for botanical work or talk,
but I hope to have more
leisure as the Spring advances.

Very truly yours

Geo. L. Kennedy

Readville, Mass.

3 Feb 1893

Dear Mr Davenport,

Your very kind letter of the
3/4 Jan came while I was
at Roxbury where I have
staid three nights this week.
It was very thoughtful of
you to let me know of Mr.
Pringle being in Cambridge
& I hastened over at once
to see him. Much as I
should have enjoyed having
him come and here I
recognized the fact of his
many cares & short stay
here, yet I hope I shall
see him again when he
comes to Boston —

Pray don't trouble yourself

about the Lemn & papers you
were so good as to speak of.
I know how busy you are -
let them wait your
ample leisure - I have
also been drawn with
work of many kinds the
past few weeks & Botany
has had to wait -

But I try to do a little
something at it every day.
With my very kind regards

truly yrs
Geo. G. Kennedy

Readville, Mass.

12 Jan 1895

My dear Sir

Many thanks for your
report of the article on
the new Series. I hope
we may find it^x together
again next year.

Very truly yrs

Geo F Kennedy

X12. Simulacrum

Readville, Mass.

Jan 29. 1904

Dear Mr Davenport,

I got a small bit
of a sterile Fern in
Devonshire England
on rocky cliffs by the
seashore which I called
Gymnogramme leptophylla Desv
but that Fern so far as I
can learn has not
been found in England
& not nearer than the
Island of Jersey —

I shall bring it in
to show you, as I would
like to have your
opinion as it may be
a depauperate *Cystopteris*
but I imagine I see on
the larger brown the
young capsuleiferous
swellings of the veins.
Yrs very truly
Geo. G. Hemmings

Tuesday, ✓

Readville, Mass.

12 Oct 1904.

Dear Mr. Davenport:

I am sending you
Express prepaid a
bundle of Ferns:
Some from New Zealand
& some from Montserrat
of the West Indies -
They are amateur
or Commercial Sets,
perhaps have no
value, but as I
have no use for
them, I prefer to
have you throw
them away rather
than I, & you may
perhaps run across
something interesting.

P.S.

The electrics for Blue
Kill (Canton Line)
leave Dudley St
at 5 and 35
minutes after each
hour.

& reach our gate
in 40 minutes

If you could come out
on Friday (day after
tomorrow) for a noon
lunch we could
look over any Bo-
tchian (this sort
of spelling because I
was suddenly interrupted
or other terms I
may have from
Willoughby — If
Friday is not convenient
please name some
day next week & I
will write you
if it is free for me,
very truly yours
Geo. G. Kennedy

Herbar. J. B. Smith, 1890.

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- Diapentesis Californicum*,
Gymnogramme triangularis (Gold + Silver)
" " var. *viscosa*
Notholaena breweri.
" *cretacea*.
Adiantum emarginatum.
Pellaea andromedaefolia.
" *ornithopus*.
Cheilanthes Californica.
" *Clevelandii*.
Aspidium rigidum argutum.
Delagoella Bigelovii.
" *trioides*.
Azolla filiculoides.
Saplesium vespertinum.

National City, Cal.
Mr. George E. Thompson Oct. 31st 1890
Dear Sir:

Thank you for the list of plants of the California Botanical Society. I had sent in my contribution but you were so busy that I had no time to send it. I am sorry that I cannot send you more but I am so busy that I cannot find time to do so. I am sorry that I cannot send you more but I am so busy that I cannot find time to do so.

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filix-ferina I have from California, quite good success with them. Some of
are some very bushes pruned when they were, if left outside of cultivation,
in a camping trip several years ago. would be dry the most of the year, have
At that time they did not pay much attention, continued green (for the last three years
to roots (perhaps there for are in making that I have had them.) I send a friend of
friend (Surgente) I send the best I can. *Polygodium Californicum* from a well
with this. I do not know if they are the plants also some from the roots in the
variety you wish.

As they grow at Strawberry Valley about 120 miles from here, it is
too far to visit often. I am sorry to
say I do not know of anyone living
near there of whom you could obtain
living or pressed plants.

Mr. H. B. Gilbert (one lives -
his last time has written a notice
of *Filix-ferina*, and would use the best
about 20 specimens of it. He might be
can furnish you with the kind you
desire.

I have enjoyed transplanting you
will find to a shaded part of the garden
and to boxes on the porch; and then set
I am very
Sincerely,
J. H. Gilbert

443 Feb 24/05
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National City, Cal.

Mr. Geo. E. Davenport: Apr. 12th 1905-

Dear Sir:

I take the liberty of sending you a small tin box by mail with this letter, filled with plants of living ferns. I would like to say a few words about one kind of them, (the others are sent thinking you might not have seen fresh ones, and it is interesting to watch their growth. I have transplanted all the kinds in our vicinity, and had quite good success with the most of them.)

A few days ago my brother & I drove to San Miguel Mt. ferning. By the roadside I noticed

a flower over to me. When I went to pick
it I noticed the seeded pod of a tiny
fern. When we came home we dug
some of them.

It may seem strange to
you, but I do not know what to call
them. I know they are of the *Opheglossum*
family, but do not know which member
of it. I began to collect ferns in 1879 but
have never found any of the family before.
They grow on *Parnassia* *Pando*. San Diego Co. Cal.
near La Brea, at the base of a hill, on
land quite damp now, but which in
summer is very hard and dry. The
only plants of the fern-kind found near
were *Delagrella* *fragilis* & *O. cinerascens*.
I send the soil around the plant so
you can see what it is like. If you
will be so kind as to send me the
name of it I will be very glad to learn
it. I have succeeded in obtaining all but
3 of the kinds of ferns you sent in the plants
4 in Oct. 1912 (Pty. vulgaris var. *complanatum*, Pty.
var. planum & Pty. *var. planum*) (some not yet fully
grown or, *cinerascens*).

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National City Cal,
Mr. Geo. E. Davenport: Mar. 19th 1906.
Dear Sir:

Your letter and the Rhodara, together with the re-print from The Fern Bulletin, and the blue-print reached me safely and are highly prized.

After waiting for the name of the fern sent you, until Aug. 20th I sent some pressed ones to Mr. Samuel B. Parish. He sent the name, (the same as you decided it to be) I had a letter from Mr. W. C. Kueker enclosing a Postal-card you had sent him telling the name and saying your eyes were troubling you, so I knew you could not do much writing. I am glad your eyes are better.

I was very much interested in reading what you sent.

I have been very fortunate in obtaining 25 new ferns for my collection since I wrote you last. After those that are common are secured even one new specimen is a treasure.

I have nearly 300 different specimens of ferns and allies, and it has been a great pleasure to acquire them, not only the specimens, but the many pleasant and instructive letters, that I should not otherwise have had.

I presume you have all the kinds I collect here. If you had not, I should consider it an honor to press them for you this season.

It seemed pleasant to see the Post-mark "Medford" (once more, I had an Aunt. (Mrs. Augustus B. Brooks) who lived there, she passed away many years ago. Thanking you for what you sent, I am Yours respectfully
Laura D. Kimball

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Somerset 5 Nov. 21

Geo. A. Larnupart Esq.

Dear Sir,

I notice that
you have an advertisement in the
Terry Bulletin. I have never given
much attention to Terry but am
getting interested. What I want
is, the correct pronunciation of
N. American Terry. I leave
the matter with you; send
me what will do the most
good with him.

Respectfully yours,

J. D. King

Direct to Somerset
Mass.

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Guelph, Ont.

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9 July 1903

George E. Lavenport, Esq.

Dear Sir:—

I take the liberty of writing you to ascertain what you think of the idea of the Fern Students of North America forming a Society to decide upon a stable nomenclature for our ferns, and to oppose the "name-tinkering" which is at present being done by Underwood and others. I propose that Messrs Eaton, Gilbert, Parish, Robinson, Clute, Waters, Fernald and yourself, and others whose opinion carry weight in the fern world, constitute the committee of the Society, and besides fixing the nomenclature, they decide such points as "Shall all specific names be written with a small initial no matter of what derivation?" "Shall diphthongs be written out? (as Pellaea)" "Shall common names be written with capitals?"

and all other points about which a difference
of opinion exists. I may say that person-
ally I favour the writing of all specific
names with a small initial for the sake
of uniformity, as is done by all Zoologists,
also the writing out of diphthongs as doing so
save a vast amount of time when one is
doing much writing of scientific names, and
it appears to me as absurd to write "John
Smith" as "marginal shield fern"

I am confident that if this society is
formed, the great body of Fern Students will
accept their nomenclature, and will not heed
the constant and unnecessary changes made
by the "name-tinkers"

Kindly give the matter your earnest con-
sideration, and let me hear your opinion
on the subject. Also kindly let me know
of any men of the right stamp of whom
you may think.

Yours truly
H. B. Gough.

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Geo. E. Davenport Esq.

Dear Sir:-

I am very greatly obliged to you for the Blue-prints of Asplenium-trichomanes x reticulata which you so kindly sent me. I had read your article in Jan. Rhodora with a great deal of interest.

Hybridism has always been a most fascinating subject to me, and I hope soon circumstances will permit me to conduct some experiments in hybridism which I have had in mind for some time. I am much inclined to think that Hybridism accounts for a good many of the puzzling forms which we find in Asplenium and Holcus.

Have you kind Solis, Davis and other "freaking out" papers in reproducing fern fronds? I have obtained most excellent results in this way - every veinlet showing distinctly. You have to over-print and then tone pretty heavily.

Yours sincerely

A. B. Klugh.

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To
My Dear Sir
I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst.

and in reply to inform you that the same
has been forwarded to the proper authorities
for their consideration. I am, Sir, very
truly, your obedient servant,
J. H. [Signature]

Spine Ridge, Sauk Co Wisconsin
September 23rd 1879

Mr Davenport

Dear Sir

Yours of Sept 12th was received in due time, and I meant to have answered ere this. I left Morrison on the 22nd of this month, and before leaving I done up a package of ferns for you, but did not have time to write. I sent you *A. aculeatum* and its var. *californicum*. They were all I had and I disliked to part with them, but did for the benefit of exchange. The others I sent you to be named, and would like to have them returned. Miss Pelton has, or did have, one frond of *A. aculeatum*.

They were given us, and I
am unable to say just where they
were collected, but in or near Yuba
Co., Cal. The *A. aculeatum* var.
californicum. I collected between
Fall River and Brownsville and
it was quite a distance from
Brownsville. Miss Pelton was
with me when I collected it, but
I do not know whether she found
any or not. The *A. aculeatum*
var. *scopulinum*. That I sent you,
was all I had. I cannot say just
where it was collected, but it was
collected and given me by Mr.
S. G. Isaman, whose address I
think is Mountain View, Cal.
and perhaps he can furnish you
with some, as he makes exchanges.
If he has changed his address I
think I can ascertain where it is.
I do not think that I am

mistaken about collecting
of *Canadensis* at Bartlett Spring.
I have written Miss Pelton about
it. I hope to find some nice
ferns here, but am afraid it is
too late. I will send you my
desideratum. My address is
Morrison Ill. I expect to go
home in two weeks.

Respectfully Yours.

E. C. Knot

Morrison Whiteside Co
Illinois Feb 28th 1880,

Mr Davenport
Sir

I received the package of ferns
that you sent me last fall
and please accept thanks for
them and excuse my negligence
in not acknowledging the receipt
of them soonish.

I will send you today
some ferns that I gathered in
Wisconsin when I was there
last fall. The Woodsias and
Polypodiums that are in a paper
together, came from a place known
as Rocky River, in Sauk Co.
The others came from the Dellson
the Wisconsin river above Kilbourn

city, I can not say what
country. There are a good many
ferns growing there, but my
time was so limit. The day
I was there, that I did not have
as much time to look around
as I wished. but I am going
up to Wisconsin again next
summer and I hope to spend
several days on the river.

Respectfully yours

Mrs. C. L. Kent

Fredericksburg Nov 25th 1848

Geo. C. Davenport.

Boston Mass.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 17th inst came to hand and I am pleased to see you take an interest in the plant.

I discovered it four years ago, when out on a mining expedition. We were suffering fearfully ^{for} want of water and while hunting water we came upon a high ridge covered entirely with cedars, among which were a number of flowers which attracted my attention. As I am a great lover of flowers and had never seen the same before I concluded to take some of them along. I had to carry them 200 miles on my saddle, took them home and planted them in my garden. This was in May 1844. They were considerably injured as I had no convenience to pack them properly, they however grew but did not flower that summer. The next May the stem commenced to shoot up, & in three weeks was over about 3 feet high. The stem is at first red and when the flowers appear it changes to green. Three feet from the bottom of the stem branches shoot out, some have two branches some have three or four which also bear flowers. They commenced flowering in May & bear flowers until Oct. the stem is about a half an inch thick and attains a height of about five feet. In Oct the stem commences to dry up, then one or two new sprouts appear on the plant which flower the next season. Each plant produces one or more capsules about as large as a hickory nut which contain about 45 seeds.

Since I had them in my garden different botanists seen and examined them particularly Baron von J O Meusebach who is an authority in botany and pronounced it to be an *Sesperaloe Engelmannii*. Mr von Meusebach took great interest in the plant and made inquiries of all Royal Botanical gardens in Europe, and of Doctor

Engelman of St Louis Mo. U.S. and found that the plant is not known to be in existence (reference is here made to the circulate) Upon the information from Herr von Meusebach I concluded to procure the plant and make it known. I myself, my son and another young man whom I hired went there and I got all the plants we could find. We had many fierce obstacles to face such as Indian troubles and conflicts with white & Mexican desperados, but worse than all, want of water for we had to without it for days and nights, often we were on the point of giving out, and once came near perishing while hunting water. But in spite of all this we got them, and managed to reach our home.

From all this you can see that I am only a lover of flowers and not a botanist, and therefore do not know the different ferns you named, & much less the process of pressing them. Should I find a man that understands it all, I will try my best to get them for you.

Very Respectfully
Yours

E. Krauskopf

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